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# Advancing Red Army Obeys Stalin's Order To Exterminate Nazis

## QUARTER GENERAL INVADES

High Optimism Sweeps Russia

### LAUGHING AT THE NAZIS NOW

By EDDY GILMORE  
I.P. Special Correspondent

THE END OF HALF A YEAR OF WARFINDS THE RED ARMY ATTACKING LUSTILY ON A 1,600-MILE FRONT, WITH SUPPLIES ROLLING TO THE REAR FROM REORGANIZED INDUSTRIES, AND A FEELING OF HIGH OPTIMISM SWEEPING THE COUNTRY.

The outstanding reason for national happiness is the fact that in the last 25 days 1,500 cities, towns and villages have been recaptured, and that the menace to Mother Moscow is virtually ended.

In from cities far from the front you can feel the lift in the general morale dating from the counter-offensive at Rostov-Don, which was a radio and one gets news before the exchange of the front lines. The people are not the Nazis now—they laugh.

Day in and day out radio loudspeakers shout news of fresh triumphs. The people congratulate and cheer their leaders.

IT'S GOING HOME

It is hard to get away from this idea. Even one telephone in a small town will bring news of the front. The people are not the Nazis now—they laugh.

A long line of people forms in the city streets to see the new soldiers as they arrive from the front.

A middle-aged man who has not bought his paper dashed off to the newsstand to get the latest news before the exchange of the front lines.

His home town has been recaptured, a friend translated, "He's going home to pack up and come back here."

In six months the Soviet soldiers have not only beaten the Nazis but have also learned many tactics and how to meet them from the Germans. But the weather daily more severe. Soviet ski troops and Cossacks are playing a rising role in the campaign. In some quarters there are already more highly trained than tanks.

From the front the latest news of the activities of the German army. The instruments of war are being added to the arsenal. The latest estimates of six months ago.

GERMANS killed, wounded and missing 7,000,000. Tanks 18,000. Aircraft 1,500. Big guns 1,000. RUSSIAN killed, wounded and missing 2,500,000. Tanks 5,000. Aircraft 1,000. Big guns 1,000.

The shifting of industry and population eastward has now been a productive factor in the daily with more evacuated workers beginning to return.

AMERICANS GET 3 MORE JAP PLANES

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The American pilots and the Japanese they have all reached Chungking—Reuters

CASH CROSOWDS PAGE SEVEN RADIO: BACK PAGE

### THE SOVIET ARMIES FORGING AHEAD IN THEIR RELENTLESS DRIVE AGAINST THE GERMANS ARE NOT ONLY GAINING GROUND—THEY ARE CARRYING OUT RUTHLESSLY STALIN'S ORDERS TO EXTERMINATE THE NAZIS.

#### Hong Kong Still Holding Out

#### BATTLE IS RAGING AROUND MOUNTAIN

BRITISH, CANADIAN AND INDIAN TROOPS, ALTHOUGH HEAVILY OUTNUMBERED, WERE STILL HOLDING OUT YESTERDAY IN THE NORTH-WEST CORNER OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN THE EXTREME SOUTH.

Tokyo announced that the defenders were encircled on Mount Victoria, where bitter fighting was going on.

The last stand of all will probably be made from the barracks on the top of the 1,800-foot-high peak.

But other Engineer troops are believed to have retired to Mount David, half a mile further west, and to Stanley Point, in the south.

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#### Raiders Routed Over Thames

A.A. GUNS OPENED FIRE IN THE THAMES ESTUARY EARLY LAST NIGHT. THE RAIDERS WERE BELIEVED TO BE IN ACTION AGAINST THE TOWN OF GRAVESEND.

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## BENGHAZI NEXT STOP IN BRITISH CHASE OF ROUTED ENEMY

### Komme Smashed In Desert Blitz

ROMMEL'S TATTERED ARMIES WERE YESTERDAY IN FULL FLIGHT ACROSS LIBYA—A JUMBLED MASS OF MEN AND MATERIAL SUBJECTED TO A RELENTLESS DESERT BLITZKRIEG BY THE BRITISH FORCES HARD ON THEIR HEELS.

Derna fell without a shot. Mektil fell without a shot. Still the Germans and Italians fled non-stop to the west. Already one British force is sixty miles beyond Derna, while another has raced to within eighty miles of Benghazi.

Our mobile columns are harassing the enemy at every turn, and the few desert roads, densely packed with enemy traffic, are providing magnificent targets for our bombers.

One part of the enemy forces, mostly Italians, took the coast road past Derna to Cyrene and beyond. The main body of Rommel's forces are fleeing by the desert road between Mektil and Benghazi.

Even when they reach Benghazi it is considered unlikely that they will be able to make any serious stand.

Rommel has more than two or three dozen tanks left, and the British are racing after him so hard that he will never be given time to pull together his disorganized units.

The best he can hope for is to make Benghazi an Axis "Tokruk."

Our Colossal Booty

If he tried to bypass Benghazi he would be trapped by British forces waiting for him on the road to Tripoli.

In any event, the days of Rommel's armies are believed to be numbered. They have been in the past two days have been enormous.

Hundreds of prisoners are being rounded up. Their morale is so low that many are jumping up their hands at the first sight of the advancing forces.

The booty so far is immense, and when finally counted it is believed that it will reach the value of last year.

The whole of western Cyrenaica is now clear of the enemy except for pockets at Bardia and the area around of Italy, both of which are being strongly invaded.

At Bardia the defenses are suffering heavily from our artillery. The Cairo communiqué, describing the last pursuit of the enemy, said:

"On Friday morning our troops occupied both Derna and Benghazi without opposition."

"Forty destroyed enemy aircraft were found on Derna aerodrome."

"By the afternoon our forward mechanized patrols had reached a point 25 miles west of Giovanni. At the same time our armored patrols were making rapid progress in the pursuit of the enemy main body."

Bad News for Rome

"Throughout the day our air forces subjected to severe bombing and low-flying attack many columns of the retreating enemy."

"To summarize, the operations of the advancing force to the heart of Cyrenaica continued successfully, and the relentless attack by our Air Forces on the retreating enemy, coupled with the continuous pressure of our forward columns, succeeded in keeping the enemy on the run throughout the day."

Both the German and Italian command, yesterday, admitted that the fighting had moved further west.

Rome radio prepared the Italian people for bad news by saying that the German and Italian forces were being asked of the Italo-German forces in Libya.

"It is possible," the announcer added, "that the second winter campaign by British and American forces will in the next few days assume more violent aspects. But the German and Italian forces are running even faster today than they did a year ago."

GOOD FOR SLEEPLESSNESS

Guinness is Good for you

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### The Truth At Last! SOVIET SUPERIOR IN ME, MATERIAL

—HITLER

THE AXIS IS NOT TOO SURE. THE AXIS IS ANXIOUS, AND LAST NIGHT FROM BERLIN AND ROME CAME EVIDENCE THAT GERMANY AND ITALY ARE UP AGAINST IT.

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### ALLIES' ACT-AS-ONE PLAN

Washington, Saturday. THE WHITE HOUSE announced tonight that joint planning for "unity of action" would soon embrace all Governments "engaged in the common cause of defeating the Axis."

The statement said that the existing military liaison in London and Washington would continue until Russia, China, the Netherlands East Indies, and others could be brought in.

"In several sectors on the Kalinin, Western and South-Western parts of the front, our troops engaged the enemy in violent fighting continuing to advance and occupied several villages and the town of Volokolamsk."

The communiqué added that the Russian forces had also captured Pskov, which is about 40 miles from Tula on the road to Orel.

While the Nazis were trying desperately and vainly to hold the Red Army on the Moscow front, they began yesterday an offensive against Sebastopol, launching repeated attacks with infantry, tanks and armoured cars.

"The enemy," says Moscow, "was thrown back from our defence lines. Fighting is still in progress. General Petrov's troops are firmly holding their line."

It is possible, ran the comment, "that the second British winter offensive against Italy will assume an even more violent character, as the commanders and troops of the Axis will meet the enemy as resolutely as ever."

Just as resolutely as the Axis divisions have held their line in Libya, the German divisions are expected to resist the Russian advance. But neither Berlin nor Rome drew this comparison.

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### Ritchie Is 13 Days Ahead Of Wavell

BRITAIN'S drive in Libya is much faster than General Wavell's advance last year.

Here are some comparisons in time between the two campaigns:

Wavell's forces left Suez on December 16 and reached Derna in 45 days. General Ritchie has done better, reaching the same point in 32 days.

Benghazi fell to Wavell seven days later. The British push to Benghazi in the campaign to force the line ahead by Wavell in his push, too.

His troops following the inland road from Mektil, got to within striking distance of Benghazi in which he was killed on February 4. Ritchie fell three days later. Rommel's push from El Agheila to Sollum took 13 days.





## How to make the MOST of your MILK



Here's the way to make cocoa with a minimum amount of milk. For each cup you mix a teaspoonful of cocoa with a little boiling water with 12 spoonfuls of sugar into a thick paste. Then fill up with boiling water and finally add two or three teaspoonfuls of cold milk.

## BOURNVILLE COCOA

LESS THAN 5¢ PER LB.



is an excellent cigarette at 10 for 6d.

## "It is quite right that your Fynnon Salt advertisement says!"

My leg is all right again... Mrs. R. of Leicester, says: "I have had rheumatic pains on and off in my back and legs for years. This last winter the pain was almost unbearable. I could not walk for nearly a month... and I decided to try Fynnon Salt. I started to get right away and now my leg is quite all right again and I feel fine. It is quite right what one of your advertisements says: 'She trots about like a two-year-old'."

**Nature's Salt of the Earth**

The great virtue of Fynnon Salt is this: it washes away the acids which build up in the blood, flushes liver and kidneys, and prevents the return of rheumatic conditions. Fynnon is worth trying on a large tin 1/6, all tins 1/6. Trial size 7d., including P.O. order.

**FYNNON WASHES AWAY RHEUMATIC ACIDS often the cause of: RHEUMATISM, GOUT, LUMBAGO, SCIATICA, etc.**

**TRY A FORTNIGHT ON FYNNON**

Men under 33 who are being

## DE-RESERVED The RAF needs you for flying duties

Get yourself one of the finest of all fighting jobs—fly as a pilot or observer in the R.A.F. Even if you didn't express a preference for flying duties with the R.A.F. when you registered with your age group for National Service, you can do so now, provided you have not yet been posted to any other Service.

Make your decision now. Volunteer for flying duties at the R.A.F. Section of your nearest Combined Recruiting Centre (address from any Employment Exchange), or post coupon below for full details (unselected enclosed—14 stamp).

For Air Ministry Information Bureau, Kingsway, London, W.C.2. Please send "Flying Duties" leaflet.

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## A STABLE IN 1938

HEARD this story many months ago, but I saved it for this time of year. It came to me only in broken phrases. It was a beautiful story, and a true one. But it would have lost a considerable portion of its force if it had been told before.

To every thing there is a season, says Ecclesiastes. Now is the season for the story I have to tell.

This is the period of Christmas. You know how a story gains power according to the time at which it is told. If you have a ghost story to tell you do not tell it in blinding sunshine: it is necessary to fit a certain atmosphere to the words you have to utter. Thus, I have saved this for the Christmas of the year 1938.

## SEEDS THAT ARE SOWN

Cesar never guessed it; but that stable in Bethlehem carried the germ of the death of Rome. There came out of that stable a greater power than the gathered might of the Roman legions.

Rome, thereafter, was to be known only as the place in

—this stable was in Czechoslovakia, which, like Palestine of nearly two thousand years ago, was an occupied country. Palestine was occupied by a Roman; they called him Caesar. Czechoslovakia today is occupied by a Hun; they call him Fuehrer. And the central figures in this modern narrative of a stable were a rich man, his wife, and of their great trial and tribulation which ended on Christmas morning three years ago, when—

The Jew, as always, thrusting up new Saviors, said Cesar, when he heard of the matter.

Greater Germany will swallow the apostles, says Hitler.

Yet things happen; men are born. The seeds of Tyranny's destruction are sown, day by day.

Here is an incident of 1938... a tale of the occupation of Czechoslovakia.

## HIS LIFE'S AMBITION

IN 1938 there lived in Prague a man and his wife. He was a business man. Consider very seriously every word I say: he was in the cabinet-making business, and his name was Davidohn. The greatest desire of his life had been to found a family. Yet he had not married until late in life. He was designed rather to be a father than a husband, somehow.

In middle age he chose as his wife a very young woman. She found herself at the age of eighteen without parents and friends.

He married her, and she loved him: not in a frantic and passionate way, but solidly and unbreakably. That was in the winter of the year 1937.

The German came into Czechoslovakia. Davidohn was a man who reasoned things out. He knew that, being a Jew, he might as well have to drive himself under the wings of the Dark Angel, the Nazi, the Adversary. Was upon him.

He had been a fairly prominent upholder of a kind of Trade Union. There was no labor such things. He represented two forbidden things—Jews and Unions.

Josef Davidohn was a man, in a large way of business. He had ready money. The Nazi elements where he lived had already warned him that the danger was on him. So he fled.

He was not afraid of what might happen to him. But he had a young and beautiful wife, and this young and beautiful wife was going to have a baby.

He had already heard how the Nazis are no respecters of the unborn. He owned a large and comfortable Mercedes-Benz car. Taking a considerable sum of money with him, he went away.

## SLIM CHANCE OF FREEDOM

There might seem to be no reason why he should not have reached the border with his wife and unborn child. If he started, there would be no story to tell you now.

But after he travelled fifty miles something under the bonnet of his car began to rattle. He tried to cough like a consumptive. Then there was a grating hiccup, and the car slowed down.

He looked, trying to find something he could remedy. He was ignorant of the inner workings of a car. If he had been an engineer, he might have adjusted the engine and so ridden on. But he was alone with something mysterious, and did not know what to do.

This is fantastic. But the naked fact remains. He stood, looking up and down that bleak and terrible road. He had to get on towards his savior destination. The gathered power of Nazism was behind him: one slim chance of freedom for his unborn child lay ahead.

He wrung his hands. His wife could not walk; her condition was delicate. And as he stood, a man passed, leading a Mercedes-Benz and dragging a great bundle of firewood.

Davidohn did not hesitate. He said to the man—

"I don't know the peasant said that you offer me a ride. I'll give you the car for the donkey?"



MOTHER AND CHILD—a study from modern Czechoslovakia of the occupation.

sit on the donkey's back, led the poor beast away.

And so they covered another five miles... another ten miles.

The donkey stopped. It would not go another step. When a donkey is tired it will not move: it will die rather than move.

## FORTITUDE AND TERROR

And the wife of the cabinet-maker said:—

"Josef... I am sorry... this is a bad moment... But we must find a place for me to go."

Old Davidohn felt his heart sinking. He looked to the right, and to the left. And then he saw a building, three hundred yards away from the road. Dark was gathering. He said that he pleaded with the donkey, and said: "Oh, please stop here."

The donkey walked. They found themselves at the door of a big, deserted stable.

There was nothing on the floor. Davidohn took off his fur-lined overcoat, and his jacket. The cold bit, but he did not feel it. He found some straw: arranged something not unlike a mattress, and threw down all the clothes he had to spare.

And so he clothed, shivering and waiting.

Davidohn says that as long as he lives he will never forget that night. These are his own words:—

"My wife was still. She was

waiting. You are a man. There is no life telling you how she felt, or what she was thinking. And yet on her face there was a smile. She seemed to have no fear, no fear of either the near or the distant future.

But I was terrified. I did not know what was going to happen, or what I should do. I waited. One hour passed. Two hours. In my pocket there was a brandy-bottle. I offered my wife a sip of it, but she refused. I took a drink myself. It did not do me any good.

I carried, also, a metal box containing sandwiches. Rightly or wrongly, I offered my wife some of the food it contained. She refused. I could not eat. I laid the box down.

## I LOOKED INTO DARKNESS

"Three hours passed, and my wife was not comfortable. There was so little I could do. God help me! I went to the door of this miserable, deserted stable, and I had some idea of going away to find a village."

"In a village, I thought, there must be a woman, and this was a thing in which a woman could assist and a man might be worse than useless, unless he happened to be a doctor."

He looked out. The night was dark. Ah, dear God, the night was very, very dark! There was so little I could do. I went, out from the deck of a ship on a night without moon or stars.

"This stable was like a very

## -By Piers England

dark island in a world of midnight. I could not see, and the night, the horrible night, had swallowed everything.

"I have never felt more terribly helpless in the world."

"For all I knew, I might just as easily have been lost fifty million miles in space, beyond the light of the universe."

When there came upon me a strange determination. I swore to myself that my child should be born and that my wife should survive. I prayed to God for strength and... I did not laugh at me—strength came to me.

"I went back into the stable. My wife was lying perfectly still, looking up. 'How are you?' I asked, because there was nothing more I could think of worth saying."

## SHINING AS A STAR

"Everything is going to be well," I said.

"Do you feel sure of that?" I asked.

"And she said: 'Yes, I feel sure of that. Something tells me that everything is going to be well... and after a while she looked at me, the same, I wish there could have been a proper doctor here. But do not worry, Josef; doctor or no doctor we'll survive... all three of us.'"

"And I am not ashamed to say that I cried, though I went to the door and looked out, as it were, in order that she might not see that I was so terribly upset about this thing... this miserable night on which the greatest event of my wife's life—the birth of her first child—was taking place."

"I seemed to me that soon I would have to return, and do what little I could. I am strong in such situations. I shut my eyes tight and prayed to God for strength."

"And then I saw something like a star."

"It was like the North Star, but yellow. It came up in the dark sky, and seemed to look down. Then it came towards me. All kinds of things came into my mind at that moment. It seemed that to my poor beleaguered wife, so terribly isolated, anything might happen. I watched the star. I grew bolder."

"I waited... My wife began to stir. I came up to her, comforted her. There are no words in any language in the world to describe the glory of that moment. It seemed that to my poor beleaguered wife, so terribly isolated, anything might happen. I watched the star. I grew bolder."

"Dear God, I said, and could say no more; but that was a prayer."

"Then I went to the door again."

## PRAYER WAS ANSWERED

"The star was a lamp. I heard the hoofs of horses. People were coming. Let them be Nazis, so long as somebody helps her, I thought. And the sounds of horse-shoes approached. I kissed my wife on the forehead, and went to the door, and said: 'Come! I spoke firmly.'"

"In the light of the yellow lamp I saw first a man's face. They were three men. They were military officers. I said quite steadily and clearly: Assist my wife, and I will give myself up without a struggle, and I added, much louder: I have a revolver. I had carried it."

"But the men that were coming were not coming to arrest me. They were refugees. And they were officers of the Czechoslovakian Army. And, praise be to God, one of them was a man."

"I went on throughout that night. There was little that I could do, but I did the little I could. At dawn a child was born. My wife was well, and calmly sleeping."

"My nerves were breaking... I laughed and cried. And then I said to the medical officer: 'And I thought your wife was a star!'"

"He replied:—

"It was. Do you know what the date is today?"

"One of the other officers, who had been asleep at the foot of the stable, awoke, and blinked his eyes, and stretched, and then cried:—

"Merry Christmas! And they all said: 'Merry Christmas!'"

"It was indeed Christmas Day. The officers looked at my newborn son, and at his mother. And the elderly captain said: 'This is a Sign, a Symbol!' And they prayed."

"This is the whole truth of the story of Davidohn, who now, with his wife and son, lives in America."

## Food Facts Quiz

He— is a handful of nuts for you to crack round the fire at Christmas. "Chestnuts," you should be—to those of you who listen to the Kitchen Front Broadcasts or read Food Facts. Each correct answer is worth a certain number of points. A score of 18 out of 23 is very good; but anyone who scores less than 12 should be made to do the washing up!

- (1) (a) Why is it an advantage to cook green vegetables quickly? (one point). (b) How do you prepare them for quick cooking? (one point).
- (2) Should young children be given cheese? (one point).
- (3) What is the name of the figure at the top of this advertisement? (one point).
- (4) How long must a fruitcake keep oranges for the holder of a child's ration book? (one point).
- (5) (a) How much is fresh-salted cod per lb.? (one point). (b) Who prepares it for cooking and how? (two points). (c) When should it be cooked? (one point).
- (6) (a) What are the present values of Points Coupons A, B, and C? (three points).

## Answers

(These are printed upside down so that you do not look before you should!)

(1) (a) To keep their color and to retain their vitamins. (b) Wash them in cold water, trim the ends, and cook for 10 minutes. (2) No. (3) The Kitchen Front. (4) 14 days. (5) (a) 6d. (b) 12d. (c) 18d. (6) (a) 1d. (b) 2d. (c) 3d. (7) (a) 1d. (b) 2d. (c) 3d. (8) 14 days. (9) 14 days. (10) 14 days. (11) 14 days. (12) 14 days. (13) 14 days. (14) 14 days. (15) 14 days. (16) 14 days. (17) 14 days. (18) 14 days. (19) 14 days. (20) 14 days. (21) 14 days. (22) 14 days. (23) 14 days.

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